

## **MU Provost Announces Willcox's Return to Press**

COLUMBIA, Mo. — University of Missouri Provost Brian Foster announced today that Clair Willcox will return to the University of Missouri Press as editor-in-chief and associate director. Willcox's main duties will include managing the editorial department of the Press, serving as acquisitions editor, and planning and directing the book publishing program to promote the overall goals of the Press.

"We're very excited to have Clair returning to the Press as we move forward with this transition," Foster said. "He will provide continuity and help maintain the foundation that the Press has built throughout its strong history. This is an important step in getting the press fully up to speed in the new campus environment."

Willcox also will be responsible for forging relationships with MU faculty, programs, departments and schools in an effort to strengthen the Press's position as an essential and integral component of University research and scholarships.

"One of my first priorities is to contact our authors and work to reengage them as we move forward and become a part of MU," Willcox said.

Willcox will begin his duties effective immediately.